

In the Claims:

1 1. (original) A sole structure for a cleated shoe comprising:
2 an outsole formed of a hard material, said outsole
3 being in the shape of a thin plate; and

4 a plurality of cleats provided on a bottom surface of
5 said outsole;

6 wherein said outsole has a first and second bulge each
7 protruding downwardly toward the ground surface, said first
8 bulge located at a position that corresponds to a thenar
9 eminence of a foot of a shoe wearer, said second bulge
10 located at a position that corresponds to a hypothenar
11 eminence, said first and second bulge each having a
12 sectional shape that conforms to a shape of a forefoot
13 portion of a foot that has been flexed, and some of said
14 cleats provided on a convexly curved surface of said first
15 and second bulges.

1 2. (original) The sole structure for a cleated shoe according
2 to claim 1, wherein said outsole further includes a third
3 bulge protruding downwardly toward the ground surface, said
4 third bulge located at a position that corresponds to a
5 first distal phalanx of a foot of a shoe wearer, and some
6 of said cleats are provided on a convexly curved surface of
7 said third bulge.

1 3. (original) The sole structure for a cleated shoe according
2 to claim 2, wherein said outsole further includes a fourth
3 bulge protruding downwardly toward the ground surface, said

4 fourth bulge located at a region that corresponds to each
5 phalangeal joint between each distal phalanx and each
6 middle phalanx of a second to fifth toe of a foot of a shoe
7 wearer, and some of said cleats are provided on a convexly
8 curved surface of said fourth bulge.

1 4. (original) The sole structure for a cleated shoe according
2 to claim 1, wherein said outsole has a flat, W-shaped cross
3 section at said first and second bulges.

Claims 5 and 6 (canceled).

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